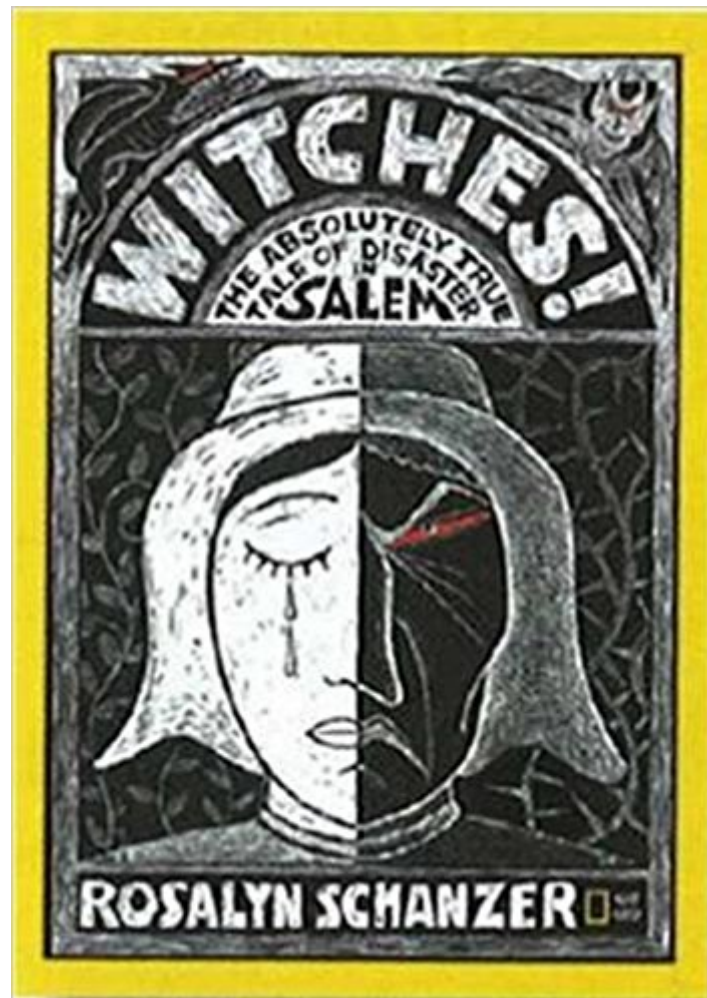




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# Witches: The Absolutely True Tale Of Disaster In Salem (History (US))



## Synopsis

Tackling the same twisted subject as Stacy Schiff's much-lauded book *The Witches: Salem, 1692*, this Sibert Honor book for young readers features unique scratchboard illustrations, chilling primary source material, and powerful narrative to tell the true tale. In the little colonial town of Salem Village, Massachusetts, two girls began to twitch, mumble, and contort their bodies into strange shapes. The doctor tried every remedy, but nothing cured the young Puritans. He grimly announced the dire diagnosis: the girls were bewitched! And then the accusations began. The riveting, true story of the victims, accused witches, crooked officials, and mass hysteria that turned a mysterious illness affecting two children into a witch hunt that took over a dozen people's lives and ruined hundreds more unfolds in chilling, novelistic detail—complete with stylized black-white-and-red scratchboard illustrations of young girls having wild fits in the courtroom, witches flying overhead, and the Devil and his servants terrorizing the Puritans—in this young adult book by award-winning author and illustrator Rosalyn Schanzer. Taught in middle and high schools around the U.S., the 17th-century saga remains hauntingly resonant as people struggle even today with the urgent need to find someone to blame for their misfortunes. *Witches!* has been honored with many prestigious awards, including: Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Honor Book 2012 Notable Children's Books—ALSC NCSS—Notable Social Studies Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies 2012 School Library Journal Best Books of 2011 SLJ's 100 Magnificent Children's Books of 2011 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2011

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Rosalyn Schanzer is the award-winning author andÃ Â illustrator of 16 books for young people, including *How We Crossed the West* which garnered starred reviews from both *Publishers Weekly* and *School Library Journal*, and *George versus George: The American Revolution as Seen From Both Sides*, an ALA Notable Book, SLJ Book of the Year, NYPL 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing, and Orbis Pictus Recommended book. She was recently awarded the Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators for her work on *Witches*. Roz lives in Virginia with her husband, Steve, in a house surrounded by birds.

Very well done .There are lots of details and names I had never heard of before .Hard to believe that this kind of atrocity could happen here, even though it was so long ago . Well researched , well written . Recommended .

Three years ago, I borrowed this book from my local library. I was engrossed by this short account of the Salem witch trials. I was also impressed by Schanzer's art.I received the copy of the book I purchased yesterday; I'm happy to report that the illustrations are even more impressive than I had remembered.

What a great book for kids! Age appropriate, but well written and smart! A great addition to any child's library. A rare treat--a serious discussion of a historical tragedy, presented in an accurate, entertaining narrative. Books like this make learning fun, and keep kids reading. I highly suggest it, and Ms. Schanzer's other works as well. She does US history like no other!

It's was a good book but I got bored during the end....I gave it this rate because of that

My daughter enjoyed this book....quick read and exciting history.

This book taught me a lot about the Salem Witch Trials,I thought it was very interesting.I really liked this book.

This is a topic that I have always been interested in, and this book did a really great job of telling the tale from the beginning to the end.

I really liked this book. I had to read it for an assignment, but I really liked it. I loved how they put at the end "We will never let superstition about the Devil fool us again" or something like that and then on the next page it says "OR WILL WE?"

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